Messrs. Eusuff Khan, Sub-Taluk, Narashmana Rao Nadig Bhaskara Sorab Taluk.

courts at all. Bench Magistrates have no control over the clerks who are subordinates to the Amildar. The dual control is not conducive to efficient work.

It was also represented that the Bench Magistrates had no prestige and were not given a belted peon even. One belted peon for each Court, and one clerk—this is all that is wanted. It is for the Court and not for the Magistrates. The point has been pressed for years. Magistrates work on all days now and have to act as criers also.

The First Member of Council explained that most Courts have not enough work for a separate clerk.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration. All possible facilities will be given.

SUBJECT No. 65.

(*a*) Patels to be invested with criminal powers.

(*b*) Village Munsiffs to be invested with criminal powers.

Messrs. B. Shivaji Wadiyar and Nadig Bhaskara Rao, Sorab Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—In Bombay, patel is given criminal powers. The same concession may be given here to literate and deserving patels. Even hakdar patels enjoy these privileges there.

Per Contra it was urged that this would be dangerous and people would be put to a lot of hardship. Patel is a Police Officer and cannot be made a magistrate.

Reply of Government.—There is no necessity for the measure. People have not pressed for it.

SUBJECT No. 66.

Granting copies of certain documents to the accused before trial.

Mr. B. Narasinga Rao, Seringapatam Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—First information report is the basis of a case. If exhibited, copy is given; otherwise not. There is generally a different turn given to the case. People ought to know the defects in Police investigation. The enclosure *i.e.*, the patels report, which is a complaint, is treated likewise. We want copies during trial *i.e.*, after charge sheet is filed. If copies cannot be given before trial, let them be given after commencement of trial. Let only the patel's report be given and not that of Station House Officer. Generally, the lawyers and parties get this information privately and by giving it, corruption will be stopped.

Reply of Government.—The question will be examined. The Chief Court and the Inspector-General of Police will be consulted.

SUBJECT No. 67.

Succession of the widow to the properties of a member of an undivided family when he dies without a male child.

Mr. Venkataramaiya, Chiknayakanhalli Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—In a divided family, the widow and daughter inherits the property of the deceased if he dies without a male issue. This is not the case if the family is a joint one. This must be changed.

Reply of Government.—If a separate Bill is brought in the Legislative Council, it will be considered.